GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:54
ANSWERED ON:04.03.2002
PRODUCTION OF CEREALS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cereals being produced in the country are sufficient to meet the needs of the country;

(b) if so, the details of its production during the last two years, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government have taken any steps to increase the production of the cereals in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI AJIT SINGH)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFFERED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.54 DUE FOR REPLY ON 4TH MARCH, 2002.

(a): Yes, Sir. As against the normative requirement of cereals of 187.74 million tonnes, the production of cereals is provisionally estimated to be 196.02 million tonnes during 2001-02.

(b): A statement showing the production estimates of cereals during the last two years, State-wise is enclosed.

(c)&(d): In order to improve the performance of the agriculture sector, the Government have launched various new initiatives such as promotion of watershed development programmes, emphasis on developing and promoting new technologies, measures for increasing availability of agricultural credit, credit linked subsidy scheme for augmenting storage/cold storage capacity, Technology Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture in North-Eastern States, Market Information Network and National Agriculture Insurance Scheme etc. Besides, the Government also encourages farmers to increase production through price policy, which include implementation of Minimum Support Price (MSP) and Market Intervention Scheme (MIS), procurement by public agencies and by using instruments of trade. Apart from these, the Government have also switched over from the conventional schematic approach to macro-management mode from November, 2000 for providing assistance to the States. The Macro-Management Scheme integrates 27 schemes into one for supplementing and complimenting the efforts of State Governments through work plans. This gives flexibility to States to address specific problems faced by them depending on local requirements, avoid overlapping in the contents of different schemes and aim at all-round development of agriculture.

ANNEXURE

STATE-WISE FINAL ESTIMATES OF PRODUCTION OF TOTAL CEREALS DURING THE LAST TWO YEARS

(`000 TONNES)

STATE	1999-2000	2000-01 (FINAL)
ANDHRA PRADESH	12896.0	13675.4
ARUNACHAL PRADESH	205.3	196.5
ASSAM	3978	4104.2
BIHAR	13640.7	11428.4
JHARKHAND		1915.0
GOA	210.8	146.5
GUJARAT	3646.2	3490.2
HARYANA	12987.0	13178.0

HIMACHAL PRADESH	1429.5	1441.1
JAMMU & KASHMIR	1314.4	1100.4
KARNATAKA	9010.6	9979.0
KERALA	774.2	754.7
MADHYA PRADESH	17491.6	6846.6
CHHATTISGARH		3432.0
MAHARASHTRA	10494.8	8440.7
MANIPUR	375.7	377.6
MEGHALAYA	204.1	199.5
MIZORAM	98.3	120.1
NAGALAND	197.0	263.6
ORISSA	5357.7	4772.1
PUNJAB	25156.0	25280.0
RAJASTHAN	9793.2	9308.0
SIKKIM	97	98.0
TAMIL NADU	8598.0	8577.8
TRIPURA	509.1	517.2
UTTAR PRADESH	43050.8	40151.2
UTTARANCHAL		1704.6
WEST BENGAL	14704.1	13595.7
A & N ISLANDS	28.4	30.0
D & N HAVELI	25.9	21.9
DAMAN & DIU	5.6	3.2
DELHI	42.8	39.8
PONDICHERRY	60.4	61.6
ALL INDIA	196383.2	185250.6